

Work continues tomorrow on US 441 Northbound at the Wilkinson/Baldwin County line.



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Single Lane Closure Required on US 441 at Fall Line Freeway

On behalf of contractor Balfour Beatty Infrastructure, Inc., the Georgia Department of Transportation announces a **Thursday, September 3** planned US 441/State Route (SR) 29 single lane closure on the Fall Line Freeway (FLF) project at the Wilkinson and Baldwin County line. The closure in the outside northbound lane rests between mile posts 0-1 on the Baldwin County side and will last from **8 a.m. through 5 p.m. Thursday, September 3** weather permitting. The contractor will finish constructing a deceleration lane in the area.

Please be aware of construction personnel working close to the roadway. Proper traffic control measures such as signage, cones and message boards will be used to alert motorists to the changing lane conditions.

This work is another step toward completion of the “final leg” construction project involving a newly located roadway with four lanes and median from US 441 northeast to SR 24 encompassing Baldwin and Wilkinson counties. The project includes eight bridges with the largest being a double-bridge over the Oconee River that will span 1,500 feet when completed.

The scheduled completion date for the total 9.1-mile roadway portion is late fall 2016. Currently, project status sits at 75 percent complete. Mass grading and bridge construction are the major activities ongoing from the US 441 interchange back to the Oconee River. If the construction pace keeps up, motorists can expect full access from south side Milledgeville to Macon via the new roadway connected to SR 112/Vinson Highway.

This freeway falls within the Governor’s Road Improvement Program (GRIP) corridor. The General Assembly started GRIP in 1989 to foster economic development throughout the state by connecting 95 percent of all cities of more than 2,500 persons to interstate highways and assuring

98 percent of Georgians live within 20 miles of a four-lane highway. There are 19 GRIP corridors in Georgia totaling nearly 3,300 miles. The FLF corridor traverses the entire width of the state from the Alabama State Line in Columbus to Macon and then to Augusta at the South Carolina State Line for a total length of 215 miles.

For more details on this FLF project, visit:

<http://www.dot.ga.gov/BuildSmart/Projects/Pages/TransPi.aspx?ProjectID=0000346>.

For more GRIP details, visit: <http://www.dot.ga.gov/BuildSmart/Programs/Pages/GRIP.aspx>

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